

# United States Marshals Service



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**U.S. Marshals Arrest Mexican Murder Suspect in Oregon, the second such arrest within a week.**

This afternoon, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2006, Jose Moises Leon-Andrade, a 45 year old Mexican citizen, was arrested in Tualatin, Oregon by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force based on a provisional arrest warrant with a view towards extradition to Mexico for the charge of Murder. Mexican authorities indicate that Jose Moises Leon-Andrade is suspected of shooting and killing his girlfriend Santana Jaimes Pineda in Michoacan, Mexico. On January 14, 2004, law enforcement authorities in Cuitzeo, Michoacan, Mexico, discovered her body located near a stream in the village of Chupicuaro. U.S. Marshals have been working with Mexican law enforcement authorities after investigative leads indicated that he may have fled to the United States.

U.S. Marshals Service investigators recently learned that Jose Moises Leon-Andrade was most likely living in Woodburn, Oregon and was employed at a furniture manufacturing plant located in Tualatin, Oregon. Leon-Andrade was arrested without incident at his place of employment. Leon-Andrade is being held at the Multnomah County Detention Center based on the provisional arrest warrant for the charge of murder. Leon-Andrade is scheduled to appear in federal court on Wednesday February 15, at 1:30 p.m. for an extradition and detention hearing before a U.S.

Magistrate in Portland, Oregon. This is the second such arrest within the last week for the fugitive task force. Jose Serratos-Ponce, who was wanted for an unrelated 1998 murder that occurred in Mexico, was arrested February 7, 2006 after a brief vehicle pursuit east of Woodburn, Oregon.

The U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force is made up of personnel from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Portland Police Bureau, the Oregon National Guard, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the North Plains Police Department, the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, and the Clackamas County Department of Community Corrections. In 2005, the U.S. Marshals Service cleared 89,687 felony warrants, including 38,417 Federal warrants and 51,270 state and local warrants. For more information about the U.S. Marshals Service and the Oregon Fugitive Task Force, go to [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov).